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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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A Personal Contact With God

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Put Off Thy Shoes

When Moses in the holy Mount
Did face to face Jehovah meet
Before the bush received this count:
"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet."

Affrighted there old Moses stood,
His sandals quickly did remove;
He hid his face and humbly bowed
The ways and thoughts of God to prove.

A vessel chosen there was he
Who stood with bare hushed feet that day
To give his people liberty
Who in the bonds of Egypt lay.

As Joshua look'd t'ward Jericho
And viewed her walls so great and high
O'er which his men must triumph, lo!
A man with sword in hand stood by.

"A friend or foe?" In wonder cried
Old Joshua, this one to greet;
"I come thy captain," he replied,
"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet."

O ye today who burdens face
Like these who had great odds to meet,
A lesson dire we here can trace;
Put off thy shoes from off thy feet.

Put off thy shoes of pride and gain
For self; make tender now thine heart,
Oh bare thy thoughts and count in vain
What Christ disowns to have a part.

Put off thy shoes, oh tho'tless soul
Who walks life's pathway hardened still;
Go softly, seek the Lord's control,
And be submissive to His will.

Canst thou alone life's woes surmount
And wield in truth dominion's rod?
What dost thy human strength amount
Before the great almighty God?

For who would be as these of yore
Who left their mark of service sweet
Must needs this truth learn more and more.
Put off thy shoes from off thy feet!

Commune upon thy bed, be still,
And be not rash with heart and tongue;
In all thy doings seek his will,
Let not thy wishes be far flung.

Much gain is thine the year throughout
If at the start this rule ye meet:
Before your work ye go about:
Put off thy shoes from off thy feet!

--Leslie Busbee

Friends, it is a real pleasure to be coming your way with a short message from the word of God. We hope that you will stay tuned to this radio station for another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL from Guthrie, Oklahoma. Your speaker is Willie Murphey.

Did you know this scripture was in the Bible? In the book of James, the

4th chapter and beginning with verse 6 it says, "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." You see, there are many people who have Bibles in their homes, but what we need to do is acquaint ourselves with the Bible and put into practice the things which are written therein.

First we notice here that God resists the proud. He has no fellowship with one who is stubborn and unwilling to bend his will to conform to the will of God. But we notice in verse 7 the admonition to submit yourselves therefore to God.

I once heard one of God's ministers tell how he went to pray for a person who was in trouble. If I remember correctly, I believe this individual was sick. Well, this certain preacher endeavored to encourage them to accept their circumstances in life and to be content with the conditions which they were in. But suddenly God spoke to him and said, "That is not what I told you to tell them." This startled him a little, and he began to listen further to the reasoning which God had given him, and he was reminded of the scripture which says, "Submit yourself to God." Then it was made clear that what God expects of us is to submit ourselves to His will, not to certain circumstances in life or things which we might be inclined to accept as the will of God, such as afflictions and difficulties in life.

First we should endeavor to determine what is the will of God. Now the Bible clearly points out his will concerning us, and the Spirit of God is willing and ready to instruct us if we have a humble attitude and a willing heart. But the thing which I want to emphasize is this verse which says, "Submit yourself to God."

The poem which I read a few minutes ago indicates that the shoes on your feet would more or less insulate from the ground. There would be the leather soles and the rubber heels which would provide a good insulation from perfect contact with the Holy Ground. Even so, we should remove everything which would hinder us from coming into real close contact with the will of God.

To some, this might be their form of religion. God is not looking for a form of religion. There is too much of that already in the world today. He is looking for a genuine conversion of heart with a willingness to obey him in everything. It is not enough for us to keep part of his commandments. He wants us to submit to his perfect will. It is then and then only that we find contentment and happiness.

Just recently I had a letter from a friend in Colorado who was referring to a message which I had on the air January 14 concerning the benefits of prayer. You may remember the drawing which we had of Uncle Sam upon his knees before the altar bench.

Here is what this friend had to say about it, and I quote, ". . . I fully agree that prayer is in order anywhere, in all institutions, and I, too, would like to see Uncle Sam on his knees, and unless he turns to the Lord and obeys II Chron. 7:14, our government will continue to decline. . ." I appreciate that statement but let me read to you what II Chron. 7:14

says. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." My friends, I consider this the greatest need of our country today. Each one should humble himself and seek the will of God in prayer.

Nevertheless, there is an alternative for every individual who refuses to humble himself and do the will of God. Here it is. In Romans, the 14th chapter and beginning with verse 11, it says, "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Now if you want to, you can make light of that. You can try to forget it if you please. You can live in your sins and continue in a form of religion, but this is God's Word anyway.

Do you know what happened to Jerusalem after the Jews rejected Christ. Let me tell you in a very few words that that great city of renown was destroyed. It is recorded that more than one million people met their fate in that destruction of all destructions. More perished then than from any other single catastrophe of both God and man. Approximately eleven hundred thousand perished during this siege of Jerusalem by the mighty Roman empire. Some of them died of starvation, others took their own lives, while many were killed by the soldiers, and yet there were approximately 97,000 which the Roman army took as captives. The city was leveled to the ground except three towers and one wall on the west side of Jerusalem. Much of it was burned and the foundations were dug up as to appear that no one had ever lived there. I say, it is time that each of us should submit ourselves to the will of God. Let us pray.

Our Father,

We acknowledge thee as the giver of all good gifts. We also acknowledge that thy will is supreme, and we desire thy will to be done in our lives above everything in the world. Bless each one who hears the broadcast today with a special blessing, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

And may I take just a moment to tell you that this message has been brought your way today by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We hope it will serve as a red signal light to cause those who are unmindful of the will of God to stop, look, and listen. This is a work of faith. We trust God to move on hearts to supply the means to keep his message on the air and going through the mail to those who are interested. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you free of charge without cost or obligation, we would be glad to hear from you. If we may be of any help to you or if you have a prayer request, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking.

Listen now to this song, "Thou Shalt Be First". The singers are Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver.

Be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL. Until then this is Willie Murphey saying may the Lord's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

The Answered Call Brings Great Rewards

The following report comes from Sister Carrie Sheppard who is laboring for souls in Mexico. Sister Olive McFarling also presents a challenge which should awaken all of us to our duty.

"Greetings of much love to all in Jesus' lovely name. He is blessing His people! Bro. Willie, I was so very thankful for your message on prayer in The Mission Trail. That, too, is one of my callings. I surely wish to be kept on your mailing list for 1968.

"Our hearts are made to rejoice in the way the Lord is working here in Rosarito Beach, Old Mexico. It would do your heart good to see so many who attend services here and to hear the good testimonies and beautiful singing.

"Ramona Esquer Villa is a faithful worker here in the missionary work. She is very helpful to us and carries a burden for souls. We pray together often, and at times she has come with a heavy burden and asked for an agreement in prayer. Lately we have visited in many homes, reading the Word and praying with them. Nearly all seem very thankful for our visit and ask us to come again.

"On our visiting we have gained some of the members out of four families who attend services. One of these is a young girl who is a victim of polio, and she has no strength in her legs and walks with the help of crutches. Usually she is seen crawling around her neighborhood. She was happy with a color book and paints we were glad to give to her. In service she seems very interested in the Word of God, and during preaching she looks up each scripture.

"One of the women who we visit has six small children, and her husband has been placed in jail in Tijuana for six years because of his drinking. This woman buys food for her children by begging. She was in services Sunday night. She surely needs God to help her. Four of us plan to visit her husband and others in the jail in Tijuana Sunday at noon.

"Saturday Ramona and I had 35 in the classes for children and a promise of more. This gives Ramona a chance to work with the children. Then, too, we have more time for them on Saturday.

"The Torre family are still attending another church, but during one of our visits in his home he admitted that this church he was attending had no spirit of God there. We believe he will turn to the truth. Please keep praying with us for the work here. Your Sister in Christ," --Carrie Sheppard
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From South Dakota: ". . . To quote David Brainerd about expresses my thoughts. 'When one feels one has done something for God, this refreshes and animates me, so that I could break through all hardships, undergo any labors, and nothing seems too much to do or to suffer. But oh what a death it is to strive, and strive, to be always in a hurry, and yet do nothing, or at least nothing for God.'

"I long for a closer walk with God, more fervency and devotion, a greater burden for souls. I regret with tears, so much time spent in mediocrity, when there are so many momentous things pertaining to the kingdom of God awaiting to be done, and doors are closing fast, and the days grow more evil. Indeed sin has become so flagrant that we are amazed at the indifference and apathy and compromise in those who should be concerned. . . Lovingly and prayerfully," --Sis. Olive McFarling

Report on Ruth Gaines

Contrary to the wishes of Brother Clayton Gaines and his wife Eva Lou, their six-year old daughter Ruth who has been seriously ill has been taken by county and state officials and put in the state hospital at Columbia, Mo. Sister Eva Lou in writing to a close personal friend had this to say: "They took her to surgery last Tuesday to take brain tests and to remove the tumor but they found that they couldn't remove the tumor because it was too near the base of the brain, and to remove the tumor would be sure death. . . They inserted a tube in her neck and head to relieve the pressure. Now they plan to give radiation treatments to treat the tumor, but that sounds like a temporary relief. . . So we know not just what the Lord has in mind, but I believe he is working. We are expecting the Lord to glorify His name. Our only fear is that we be careful that we not fail Him in any way. We are trying to walk carefully so that the Lord can work. We feel the Lord has had a purpose in this although we know not what, so we're just trusting. Clayton and I are feeling all right now. . . She is partially paralized on her left side. Her throat is paralized and part of her face, I think. . . Ruth cannot talk at all. . . We want the saints to come if they wish to come, but you might not get to see Ruth even if you came, and we aren't thinking the saints are letting us down if they don't come because we know they are concerned about us and are praying for us. We can feel their prayers. . . Love," --Eva Lou Gaines

NOTICE: Clayton and Eva Lou have a room in Columbia, Mo. Those who wish to write them may address their letter to Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines, c/o Don McIntosh, Route 5, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

Testimonies

From Arkansas: ". . . Another new year in which to live for the Lord! I want to serve Him and be fruitful even though it seems in a small way. What is that little quotation? Something like this: 'No darkness can put out the light of one small candle.' After all, if there are several small candles, they can make quite a light, and just one small candle can guide one's steps in the darkness. . ." --Ethel Worrall

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From Oklahoma: "Bro. Murphey and family, I am thankful to God for his saving grace. It keeps us ready for Heaven. God is so good to us. I mean by his grace to press on and be ready to the end. The Mission Trail has been a joy unto my soul and light unto my path. So I am sending you a donation and pray and trust that your message will reach some lost soul. Please pray for my unsaved family and pray for me. In God's name we trust," --Viola C. Black

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From Oregon: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, I greet you in Jesus' dear name. I can report victory in my soul and am thanking Him for all He does for me. He is my all in all, and I love him more and more. Your sister in Christ," --Emma Busch

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From California: "Dear Brother and Sister Murphey, Tonight finds me yet saved and encouraged to stay saved. The dear Lord is blessing me by day and by night. Praise his holy name! I just read my Mission Trail through. The message was so good. . . also the good testimonies. I mean to press on till my life on earth is done. . . Pray much for me. Love to all the saints. Your sister," --Lucinda Chiles

New Strength

When from slumber I awaken at the
dawning of the day,
Then I turn my eyes to Jesus;
Humbly, for new strength I pray.
Lord! I know not what awaits me, e'er
this busy day is thru;
Whether joy or pain or sorrow, give
new strength Thy will to do. --Sel.

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From Oklahoma: ". . . Dear Sister and Bro. Murphey, How are you and family on this another beautiful day the Lord has given us? I'm still saved and trusting the Lord for both soul and body. He is my healer when I'm sick. . . He is my lawyer when I'm in trouble. Thank the dear Lord, He never loses a case. He is my councilor when I need advice. Praise his name, he keeps me with sweet peace that passes all understanding. . . I have food, sweet manna from heaven, which no one can take away. He supplies all my needs according to his riches in glory. . . Your sister in Christ," --Vera Hawkins

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From Pennsylvania: "Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey & family, Greetings to you once again in the name of Jesus. I thank God for all of His blessings to us. I am still enjoying The Mission Trail paper and enclosed is an offering for the Lord's work. I am feeling some better in body but still need the prayers of God's dear children that God will heal this body completely to His honor and glory. May the dear Lord ever bless you each one in soul and body and keep you in His service for Him. Christian love and prayers,"
--Avis Tinsley

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"I know God is real to me this morning, and I am determined to press on toward heaven though trials and fiery trials come thick and fast. God gives me victory over all." --Opal Williams

From Oklahoma: "Dear Saints, Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. This finds me happy to know my name is written in Heaven. I am aged and thank God how he has taken care of my soul and body for over 45 years or longer. The dear Lord has done wonderful things for me. I praise his holy name! . . . I love Jesus."
--Mary Whitmore

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From California: "Dear Saints, Greetings in Jesus' name. I enjoy the Mission Trail very much. We would enjoy hearing your broadcast, but we cannot get it here. Our Lord is blessing us richly each day. May God's richest blessings be yours as you labor to win souls. . ." --Letha Reece

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From Missouri: "Dear Ones, I want to send my testimony to the paper. I am thanking and praising the dear Lord this morning for saving my soul. I know He came over the hills and mountains looking for me when I was lost in sin. Praise the Lord for his mercies to me! I love the Lord and all his people. I want to do. . . his will. . . ." --Asa Gibson

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Just a few more lines to let you know I had my 74th birthday yesterday. I was treated real good. My boy from St. Louis came down a week ago today and stayed till today. He was pretty sick while here, but the Lord answered prayer, and he was much better when he left. He took Asa and me to Myrtle Saturday for the all-day meeting there Sunday. The Lord gave us a safe trip there and back and a real good meeting. I surely thank the dear Lord for permitting us to go and be with the saints there once again. . . Lots of love and prayers,"
--Katie Gibson

at press time

we understand:

We want to invite all of you to attend the 5th anniversary of the Golden Rule Home, February 18. We are continually praising God for all the benefits and blessings He has shown to this capacity of His work. We plan service at the chapel Sunday morning, dinner, anniversary service at the home at 2:30 p. m., and night service at the chapel. Come and enjoy this fellowship with us.

--Charles R. Smith, Pastor

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From California: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, Greetings of love in Him who first loved us and loved us with that everlasting love, for God is love. The way to get more love is to get more of God. Thank God for love that never fails, even in storms of life, trials, tests, disappointments, oppositions. But oh, for that love in our souls. We came out of the battle stronger than when we went in--more than conquerors. Praise the Lord for that victory that overcomes this world, even our faith--Faith of God! Thank the Lord for answers to prayers and mercy to my husband. He's home again, rational and quite frail. God is dealing. Continue to pray for his salvation. . . Love," --LaVern Manuel

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Bro. Darius and Sis. Evelyn Gibson who have had their trailer parked near Guthrie at Bro. Audney Davis' home for several weeks left Sunday to return to their home in Missouri. Bro. Gibson is yet very weak and is in need of prayer. Their home address is: Route 3, Box 23, Seymour, Missouri 65746.

The Bible contains the mind of God, the way of life, the doom of sinners, the happiness of believers.

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Congratulations to Bro. Audney and Sis. Etta Davis on their 44th wedding anniversary, Saturday, February 10. We are sure they were pleased to have so many of the relatives from far and near with them last Sunday.

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Bro. O. C. Porter of Guthrie is conducting a study on Revelations with charts showing the Biblical trace of the church at the Church of God chapel in Boley, Oklahoma, beginning Friday, February 16 and continuing through Sunday. Services are scheduled nightly to begin at 7:45.

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Earnest prayer is requested for Sister Nellie Poulos of the Golden Rule Home. She is very weak, and it is difficult for her to retain her food.

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Orland, California: ". . . The Lord is blessing us here. We are starting a meeting tonight to run ten days or longer, as the Lord leads. Bro. Doolittle is here with us. Do pray for these meetings. We believe the time has come and opened the way to reach a few precious souls here."

--Bro. and Sis. Pat Huskey

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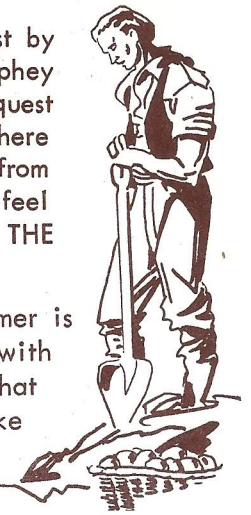
From Louisiana: "Bro. Samons is at Hammond in a meeting which started Sunday night, Feb. 4. He is bringing some timely messages anointed by the Lord. . ." --Byron Pruitt

THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published weekly in printed form by Willie and Frances Murphey with the help of others. It is mailed free of charge to those who request it. Its purpose is to reach the hungry hearts of the unsaved everywhere with the gospel which will save them. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who feel directed by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."



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WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
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